

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

May 8, 2016
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION
APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



¶ THE SUNDAY OF ROSES

Happy Mother's Day! The May Procession and Crowning takes place after the High Mass today. There are no Sunday Classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 12: The *obligatory* Day of Recollection for all Confirmands, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Children should be in Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary with them.

SATURDAY, MAY 14: The Vigil of Pentecost and the solemn administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Saturday is a day of Fast and Partial Abstinence. You are invited to the beautiful Vigil and Pontifical Mass and ceremonies of Confirmation. Those who attend the Pontifical Vigil are dispensed from the fast, but not from the partial abstinence. Meat may be taken only once, at the principal meal.

¶ FRIDAY, MAY 13

Please note that there are neither evening Mass and Benediction, nor the traditional Rosary Procession, due to the lengthy Vigil ceremonies on Saturday, and the Confirmations. Masses are at 8 and 11:20 AM, the latter a Low Mass, followed by our Novenas, May Devotions, and Benediction.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 24th.....\$4,997.50
Sunday, May 1st.....\$4,332.00
Second Collection.....\$1,045.00



THE PARACLETE, WHOM I WILL SEND TO YOU FROM THE FATHER

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. No Sunday Classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Pentecost Sunday, Preface of the Holy Ghost. Proper Communicantes & Hanc Igitur. The Veni Creator is sung before the High Mass.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$153 was received for the support of our priests in the way of Mass stipends for their sanctification.

THE QUEEN'S COURT

Crowning:
Olivia Bosier
Attendants:
Gianna Mann &
Maria McConnell
Crown Bearer:
Simon Richesson
Attendant:
Joseph Capetillo



¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Parents, grandparents and just about everyone is cordially invited to the daily May Devotions at 3:10 PM—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. Join us on school days.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS



First Holy Communion will be administered during the 9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29th.

The Girls' Camp is scheduled for June 22-24, with the St. John's Bonfire and Picnic on June 23rd.

The Boys' Camp will be July 26-28.

¶ A THANK YOU

I am very grateful and touched by the expressions of concern, words of kindness and encouragement, and outpouring of spiritual support in the way of Masses, communions, rosaries and other prayers offered for me during my recent hospital stay. I was certainly with you all in spirit last Sunday, when I was able to assist at High Mass over the web. It is wonderful to be home again and "on the mend," so I ask for your continued prayers! May God reward you!

- Fr. Cekada

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

In your prayers please remember Joan Landry, Lee Daulton, Christine (the sister of Anne Marie Omlor), and Fr. Cekada, as well as all of our sick and shut in.

OH, IT'S MAY!

Isn't there something lilting and sweet about May? Just saying, "Oh, it's May!" makes delicious quivers run up and down your back.



It's *the month* of the year! Every green thing in the world, it seems, has a flower nodding its head or peeping up out of the most forgetful places. Mary our Mother and our other mothers celebrate their days in a riot of bloom and even Memorial Day is more beautiful than sad. And it all seems so very right, doesn't it?

You know, I was thinking, what a lot of happiness we might get for ourselves, this year, if we went back to the old days and made little May altars in honor of the Blessed



Lady. And I even thought farther than that for those of us who live in the lovely places.

I thought—wouldn't it be thrilling to make our little altar out of doors? And plant May flowers or any other kind of flower roundabout. Down in the side lawn of our convent here, there is what is now popularly called a "rock garden." The dearest little plants and the tiniest of perky flowers vie with the more showy varieties in their effort to grow for the Queen. For—quite different from the general run of these beautiful gardens—the main Blossom stands on the crest of a mound and the garden is built up around—Her, around Mary, the sweetest flower of May.



Why couldn't *we* make a little garden like that? You just couldn't sit near it without feeling a peacefulness that only the conscious nearness to Mary or her Son brings. And you can't look at an image of Our Lady very long, without feeling near, or protected or at least quiet inside. And we do need quiet. A little portion of every day to just be quiet and alone. To think things over. To say a little prayer. To weep a little tear, even. To plan for the children. To be just plain joyful in that joyfulest corner of you that you like to keep secret. So—shall we start a May altar somewhere—anywhere? And label ourselves "Mary's child forever—Forever Mary's Child?" Let's!

-Serena Ward



MOTHER'S DAY GREETING

The dedication of May 8 to the honoring of our mothers must strike a responsive chord in every heart throbbing with genuine filial devotion. Press and pulpit will ring with glowing tributes to the grandeur and glory that crown the brow of saintly motherhood. And well they might sound her praises, for the dramatic pageant of history, unfolding the deeds of the greatest heroes and heroines, presents no more noble spectacle than that of true motherhood. Every bosom echoes the sentiments of the poet Joaquin Miller: "The bravest battle that ever was fought! Shall I tell you where and when? On the map of the world you will find it not, 'Twas fought by the mothers of men."

TO OUR MAY QUEEN

O maiden shy,
With God most high
Thy beauty favor found;
For modesty,
Like mist of sea,
With whiteness wrapt it round;
And never yet
Did violet
In winsome lowliness
Compare with thee,
Whose dignity
Was hid 'neath humbleness.
So Gabriel came,
In God's own name,
And knelt him at thy feet.
Ah, let us tell
With Gabriel
Our *Aves*, Lady Sweet!



Hail, Mary!—see,
We look on thee
With rapture in our eyes.
Could seraphim
Thy beauty hymn
Wrought by our God most wise?
Hail, Mary!—this
Is joyous kiss
Pressed on thy mantle's hem.
Hail, Mary!—white
Thy hand; contrite
To tear we give as gem.
Hail, Mary!—now
We twine thy brow
With glorious *Aves* gold:
The Rosary
We made for thee
In love nigh overbold.

-C.M.C.

ST. MONICA'S TEARS

For many years those prayerful
tears
In cups celestial sadly run
Until they fill and cleansing spill
Upon her cherished, sinful son.

-Fr. Aelred Knittles, O.F.M.

Happy Mother's Day! I think nature observes Mother's Day all May. Two robins have nested here, one in the cloister, the other above my office door. The latter is most aggrieved when I enter or exit, and lets me know it. The killdeer mother is a hoot with her elaborate strategies to distract us from her cute hopping brood on the lawn. Bees have been hiving in the thurible vent, but may have moved next door to the robins, above my office window. They swarmed in their dozens, and escorted the queen into her new digs. Just in time for May Crowning. All very symbolic.

Puccini presented a baby bunny on Ascension Thursday. But with edifying detachment, he allowed me to release it and then took a nap. Two young bucks and a doe were by for breakfast Friday, and the coyotes cry hungrily at night. Sunny Spring mornings present a scene of splendid beauty and peace. Everything is fragrant and green. Still, the coyotes are close.

Our excellent secretary was away in April, and I thus had to write my report of our Spring School Program before the fact. How much we enjoyed it! "Cartloads of charm," **Fr. Cekada** denominated our well named Spring Fling. The innocence and enthusiasm of our young choir, little peeping voices like fledgling birds from the nest, found an excellent expression in the wholesome entertaining music of yesterday; classic Shirley Temple films. Fr. Cekada's favorite was "Animal Crackers," as they are his favorite. I liked the "At the Codfish Ball," myself. **Fr. Lehtoranta** loved every single one. Of course we all appreciate the beautiful keepsake booklet, truly a treasure, which has become another tradition here.

Fr. Cekada is slowly recovering but still counting on your prayers for the weeks ahead. Thanks for the food! We all ate well this week. God takes good care of His children. We pray to accept His holy will in all things.

But still we pray, beseech and implore for all the great needs of Church and country, as well as for this church, our clergy and faithful, the healthy and the sick, and so many intentions. This is what we were doing last week with the Lesser Litanies Processions. It was mostly school children and clergy, but I was so very cheered by each one of you who came to help us, as I requested, especially on Tuesday evening. As St. Benedict admonishes us: "Let nothing be preferred to the Work of God." Thank you!

Now this week we continue our Pentecost Novena to the Holy Ghost, as well as daily May Devotions.

On Thursday I meet with the Confirmation children, although Fr. Lehtoranta has already "recollected" some of them in Chillicothe. Saturday comes the great Vigil of Pentecost, with a Baptism, many Confirmations, and the Pontifical High Mass. Come, Holy Ghost!

Friday May 13th would ordinarily be the first of our Fatima Rosary Processions for Peace, but usually we cancel the evening services because of preparation for the Pentecost Vigil. The same cast of characters who would usually participate in the procession are also involved in the Pentecost Vigil and Confirmations. What to do? I think Our Lady would be pleased if you observed Friday evening as a quiet "Family Night," and prayed the Rosary at home together. If even a few families this Friday who don't usually *would*, then surely Our Lady would be pleased indeed. Monday, June 13th, St. Anthony's Day, will then be our opening procession this year.

Today's procession of May Crowning is always a lovely one. I thought we would crown Our Lady indoors at the May Altar itself, because it is such a fine May Altar, a beautiful tribute to Mary Our Queen. Let us present her crowns of roses (this is what "rosary" means) all month long.

God bless you for your generosity, interest, participation and prayers during these busy but so beautiful days of May.

May the Mother of God reward you!

—Bishop Dolan



A TURKEY NOTE

Fr. Cekada,

I love the Turkey photos on the website—Thank you!

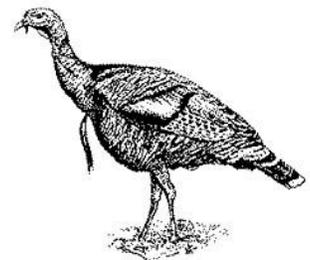
Just to clarify, that is an Eastern Wild Turkey and its blue head and lack of beard indicates that it's a hen. It being Spring, I would bet she has a clutch of eggs somewhere near in a hidden location.

Take care not to move them or disturb her till they hatch, if you can locate them.

The males (referred to as gobblers or jakes for young males) have white heads, the hens typically blue heads.

Hope you are doing well. We tune in each day for the Mass streaming.

Thank you.



✠ CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at SGGresources.org.

MON	5/9/16	ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD WITHIN THE OCTAVE – NOVENA 4 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention – Glen (<i>F.R. Mattingly</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>St. Gertrude the School</i>) <i>Great</i> Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/10/16	ST. ANTONINUS, BPC STS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM WITHIN THE OCTAVE – NOVENA 5 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Puglielli family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Patrick H. Harpen, Sr. (<i>Ina Harpen</i>) (from 5/6) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †Justin Yeager (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
WED	5/11/16	WITHIN THE OCTAVE NOVENA 6 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Prell Family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †Rita & †Bernie Brueggemann (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
THU	5/12/16	OCTAVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION CONFIRMANDS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION STS. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM – NOVENA 7 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary Ann & †Leo Brophy (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>) 9:00 AM Opening of Confirmands' Day of Recollection 11:20 AM High Mass Speedy recovery for Father Cekada (<i>Joe & Nathalie Andreotta</i>) Pentecost Novena 3:10 PM May Devotions and closing Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass St. Catherine of Siena/St. Peregrine – Thank you (<i>JCS</i>)
FRI	5/13/16	ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> NOVENA 8 8:00 AM Low Mass †Charles E. Simpson – 25 th Anniversary May 14 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) (from 5/14) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>TRCS</i>) Pentecost Novena, Sacred Heart Novena, May Devotions and Benediction
N.B. No evening Mass today, due to the Vigil.		
SAT	5/14/16	VIGIL OF PENTECOST <i>FAST</i> NOVENA 9 7:45 AM May Devotions Closing of Pentecost Novena 8:00 AM Pentecost Vigil 9:30 AM Pontifical High Mass For our Confirmands followed by Confirmation

“OUR MOTHER”

How oft we pause to ruminate o'er things of long ago,
Look back with eager heart-throb to mother who loved us so.

We see our childish wishes, our hopes by her fulfilled,
And feel our heart-ache and our pain by loving fingers stilled.

We see the later years, success and failure, hope and fears,
Surrounded by a mother's love, washed by a mother's tears.

It mattered not how dark the clouds, our mother loved us still,
And sent a prayer to God's big throne His grace our hearts to fill.

And now the world is empty, we wander a trackless sea;

Our beacon-light extinguished; her soul from its shackles is free.

God has called her to Himself with Him in Heaven to dwell,

Leaving us heart-sick and weary. Lonesome? No words can tell.

-Anna M. Lucas

Dedicated to all who mourn a mother on Mother's Day

S E R V I C E S

SAT 5/14 **PENTECOST VIGIL:** MCS: R. Vande Ryt, T.G. Simpson, T. Simpson **TH:** B. Lotarski **ACS:** N. McClorey, A. Richesson **CROSS:** P. McClorey **MITRE:** C. Richesson **CROZIER:** Nathan McClorey **TRAIN/GREMIALE:** D. Simpson **BOOK:** J. Simpson **BUGIA:** P. Omlor **TORCH:** P., D., & A. McConnell, M. & D. Simpson, P. McClorey

SUN 5/15 **7:30 AM Low:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: MCS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson **TH:** J. Simpson **ACS:** P. Omlor, N. McClorey **CROSS:** L. Arlinghaus **MITRE:** C. Richesson **CROZIER:** Nathan McClorey **TRAIN/GREMIALE:** D. Simpson **BOOK:** S. Arlinghaus **BUGIA:** M. Simpson **TORCH:** C. Arlinghaus, D. & M. Simpson, P. McClorey, C. Richesson, N. McClorey **TORCH MC:** B. Lotarski
11:30 AM Low: B. Lotarski, A.D. Kinnett
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

Masses offered privately by Bishop Dolan

For †Patrick H. Omlor (*Patrick A. Omlor*) on 5/2/16
Fr. Cekada's Recovery (*Mr. & Mrs. David Marko*) on 5/3/16

SUN	5/15/16	PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass Jim Arlinghaus for health of body & soul (<i>Dan & Mary</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:30 AM Low Mass †Thomas Kamphaus (<i>Connie</i>) 4:45 PM Pentecost Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass †Tom Corsmeier (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
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